

REMARKS

This Amendment is made in response to the Notice of Allowance dated May 4, 2009. In the last Office Action dated August 30, 2006, the Examiner indicated that claims 6 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this same Office Action, the Examiner also allowed claim 35.

In the Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner allowed claim 35 but canceled claims 6 and 7, which were allowable. Applicants believe that they should be able to obtain allowance of these claims as well. By the present Amendment, the recitations of claim 6 have been added into independent claim 1. Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 6, 10-30 and 33-34 have been canceled. Claims 1-5, 7-9, 31, 32 and 35 remain pending. In view of the allowability of claim 6, now incorporated into claim 1, it is believed that claims 2-5, 8, 9, 31 and 32, which all depend from claim 1, should be allowed as well.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully urged that all of the pending claims of the application are patentable and in a condition for allowance. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (310) 824-5555 to facilitate prosecution of this application, if necessary.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a revised Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,

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